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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Attorney Docket No. Kodialam 26-26-3

In re application of: Muralidharan Kodialam et al.

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Examiner: Andrew Lai

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For: Traffic-Independent Allocation of Working and Restoration Capacity in Networks

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 5/6/09 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Statement appears to refer to the subject matter of independent claim 1. The Applicant submits that the application also has independent claims 12 and 17-19 to whose subject matter the Examiner appears not to refer. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

According to the Statement, the closest prior art of record does not disclose that "for each link, the sum of the working capacity and the restoration capacity, as a whole, shared by the set of one or more detour paths is, at most, a total capacity of the link." The Statement appears to cite only a portion of the claim language from independent claim 1. The Applicant submits that the independent claims, including claim 1, recite additional language not cited by the Examiner. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

For each of these reasons individually and for all these reasons collectively, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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